REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

DR. BIMAL JALAN (Nominated): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Twenty-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy on Action Taken on the recommendations contained in Nineteenth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy for the year 2007-08.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Statement of Railway Convention Committee. Shri Dwijendra Nath Sharmah, not here. Shri Surendra Lath, not here. Government Business.

STATEMENT REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Sir, with your permission, I rise to announce that Government Business during the week commencing Monday, the 3rd of December, 2007 will consist of:

Consideration of any item of Government Business carried over from today's Order Paper.

Consideration and passing of the Indira Gandhi National Tribal University Bill, 2007.

Consideration and passing of the Payment of Bonus (Amendment) Bill, 2007 as passed by Lok Sabha.

Consideration and passing of the following Bills, after they are passed by Lok Sabha:—

The Sixth Schedule to the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2007;

The Constitution (One Hundred and Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2007

Consideration and passing of the following Bills:—

The Armed Forces Tribunal Bill, 2005;

The Tyre Corporation of India Limited (Disinvestment of Ownership) Bill, 2007, as passed by Lok Sabha.

The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) (Union Territories) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2007; and

The Labour Laws (Exemption from Furnishing Returns and Maintaining Registers by Certain Establishments) Amendment and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill, 2005.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we shall take up The Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2007 and The Appropriation (No. 5) Bill, 2007. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI D. RAJA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, the situation in Paradip Port is very serious. *(Interruptions)*.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You give notice on Monday.

SHRI D. RAJA: I am bringing to your notice....*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have not given the notice. Today, there is no Question Hour, no Zero Hour. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI D. RAJA: Sir, Friday has one procedure; Saturday has another procedure. *(Interruptions)* It is a very serious matter. *(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no. You give notice. We will see...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI D. RAJA: Sir, I have given the notice. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Sir, there are so many other things. *(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am not allowing....*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI D. RAJA: Sir, if you say that it could be taken up on Monday...*(Interruptions)*...I am ready to agree. Sir, it is a very serious matter.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Chairman has to decide. Please give notice. *(Interruptions)* No. You give the notice, then only it will be considered. Otherwise, without notice, how can I...*(Interruptions)*...Now, the hon. Minister.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2007; and

The Appropriation (No. 5) Bill, 2007

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I beg to move:

> That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 2007-2008, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration.

Sir, I also beg to move:

> That the Bill to provide for the authorization of appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of India to meet the amounts spent on certain services during the financial year ended on the 31st day of March, 2006, in excess of the amounts granted for those services and for that year, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration.

Sir, as far as the Supplementary Demands are concerned, we ask for authorization of gross additional expenditure of Rs. 33,290.87 crores of which the cash outgo is only Rs. 11,869.60 crore. Technical supplementaries are for Rs. 21,420.82 crore and a token provision for new services, new instruments of services of Rs. 0.45 crore is also asked. Of the total cash outgo of Rs. 11,869.60 crores, an amount of Rs. 9,900 crores, that is 83 per cent of the cash outgo, is on three major items. First meeting additional expenditure on interest liabilities and the market stabilization scheme will cost us Rs. 4,500 crores. Transfer of States and Union Territory Governments for meeting additional Central assistance for projects besides grant on loan for externally aided projects will be Rs. 4,500 crores; and export related subsidies, Rs. 900 crores. Sir, other items include subvention to cooperative banks to NABARD, post metric scholarship scheme, equity capital in Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd., re-imbursement of losses incurred by NAFED and the price support operations for mustard and grants-in-aid to State plans for agriculture. The cash outgoes likely to be offset by savings and other grants and the higher revenue receipts. Therefore, the deficit